

KNIGHTS READY TO REVOLT.

ONE-THIRD THE ORDER SAID TO BE OPPOSED TO POWDERLY.

A Report that a Gigantic Revolution Will Break Out Within the Next Two Months—Secret Work Done by the "Antis"—Confederates of the Secessionists—The General Board to be Starved Out.

The following emanates from Pittsburgh: Scarcely anybody except those directly involved in the matter are aware of the amazing extent to which the secession movement within the Knights of Labor has progressed. So quietly and secretly has the work of Mr. Powderly's opponents been carried on that the public at large knows but little concerning it, but yet so thoroughly is the earnest anti-administration leaders and so active are they in their efforts to destroy the power of "the Powderly ring," as it is called, that the great army of secessionists is now estimated to comprise one-third of the entire order, or nearly 200,000 members. The way is already prepared for the gigantic revolution which is impending, and present appearances indicate that the revolution will be openly inaugurated before the next two months have run by. When it comes it will undo everything of its kind that has yet been attempted. It will include nearly all the large and powerful trades districts, Boston, New Haven, Hartford, New York and Baltimore, besides Philadelphia and Chicago, are found to be missionary centers of the opposition movement.

Philadelphia, by the common consent of the secessionists in these cities, has been made the headquarters of the movement for the East, as Chicago is the headquarters of the West. In Philadelphia the movement has been kept more secret than in the other cities, but its growth has been even more rapid and vigorous. Of the 60,000 Knights in good standing in Philadelphia, fully one-half are bitterly opposed to the reigning administration, and the major part of the other half are either inclined in the same direction or are wholly indifferent on the subject. Ever since the Minneapolis convention the process of disaffection has gone on steadily and noiselessly. Secret meetings of the "Antis" have been held each week, attended by the delegates to the Minneapolis convention, who relate their experiences at the General Assembly; and the result has been, as stated, that fully one-half or 30,000 of the Knights in Philadelphia and vicinity have been led by themselves to the opposition party.

The policy that will be pursued henceforth will be to withhold from the general treasury all taxes and assessments, with a view of starving out the general officers. By these means it is thought that, considering the fact that to shut off the supply of their pockets is the quickest way to pinch, the general officers will be compelled to succumb to the forces brought to bear against them and step out of their present positions. To prevent this General Secretary Litchman last week declared that he will eject from the order all such assemblies as do not pay their taxes promptly. "The anti-administrators," he said, "state that they will not pay the per capita tax, and yet they maintain that their work among us shall be done inside the order. On Jan. 1 I shall send the usual notice of taxes due to every assembly in the order and, as last year, it will be accompanied by a notice that unless the money is paid within forty days the local will be suspended. I give them ten days after the notice is given by the constitution. Therefore, if they do not pay up, the war upon us will have to be made outside of the order, and it will not take the members long to recognize the fact."

The revolt of the suspended local and district assemblies of the Knights of Labor and the formation of what is now known as the "Brotherhood of Labor" by the leaders of the suspended bodies, is causing a good deal of excitement among the Knights in this city. Under the leadership of John Morrison, who is one of the principal men in the new movement, at Philadelphia and Chicago for some time past, and it is said they have outlined a plan of organization which will be presented to a national conference to be held shortly at Philadelphia.

This conference will probably adopt measures for the holding of a convention in which all the true and labor organizations favorable to it will have delegates. Three more local assemblies have been suspended lately from D. A. No. 64, the printers' organization, within the Knights of Labor, for non-payment of dues and the per capita tax, and it is believed that they purposely declined to pay in order to join the new movement.

There are also several locals in Brooklyn which are under suspension. In this city the large organization of carpet-weavers, comprising some three thousand members, is also about to enter the new order, under the leadership of John Morrison, who is one of the principal men in the new movement. It will be remembered that the Carpet Weavers' National District Assembly was expelled from the Knights of Labor for insubordination. Knights here who are true to the old organization and its principles declare that the seceders have taken a singular method of creating reforms without order by refusing to pay dues and assessments and withdrawing from it. A leader of a large local said to-day: "We will not pay the dues and assessments, but we will keep up a continual racket about something, another, and later they have been pounding away at Powderly, who they know is an honest man."

"We don't want such fellows among us, and are glad to get rid of them."

Pined for Selling Bogus Butter.
The State Dairy Commissioner's detectives in September, 1887, swooped down upon several New York butter merchants, and in each instance bought one pound of oleomargarine which was sold to them as pure butter. Justice Patterson, on the 10th of December, directed that judgment for the fine of \$200 be entered against each of the defendants by default in the cases against George P. Funchard, A. and Irving A. Funchard, of 300 Avenue C, and George P. Funchard, of 315 Nassau street. In the case of Amos C. Little, and others, who were also on the calendar, the fine was voluntarily paid to avoid court proceedings.

Pleaded Guilty to Larceny.
August Schwarzwacher, of 345 East Forty-seventh street, was arraigned at the Yorkville Police Court this morning on a charge of grand larceny preferred by Peter A. Cassidy, who keeps a storage warehouse at 801 East Forty-ninth street. Schwarzwacher was in Mr. Cassidy's employ as an engineer, and in the last six weeks various times stole about \$200 worth of goods from the warehouse. He pleaded guilty and was held in \$1,000 bail to answer. A young girl also made a charge against him for criminal assault, but could not substantiate her charge.

It Was Charles Morton Who Was Clubbed.
The man who was arrested and clubbed by Patrolman Masterson, of the Twenty-third Sub-Station, while he was intoxicated and acting in an extremely disgraceful way, at Forty-eighth street and Fourth avenue, was given his name as Charles Morton, thirty years old, a Scotch carpenter. He was taken to the Yorkville Police Court to-day.

GENERAL TUMBLE IN STOCKS.

The Bears Sharpen Up Their Claws and Hunt the Bulls.

The bears have once more carried the day. A decline of 1/4 to 2 per cent. resulted, and Lackawanna led the active list on the break, although it was given out that the company's coal tonnage was the largest in its history. It was thought that Richmond Terminal's action in declaring a dividend on preferred stock would at least give the market a little lift. With this in view R. T. preferred was advanced 1/4 points up, and the common was advanced 1/4 to 2 1/2.

The former quickly broke from 53 to 51, and the latter to 21, and it was plain that the movement had miscarried. The action of the directors was severely criticised this morning, and the opinion was expressed that the credit of the company would have been improved if they had settled upon a policy looking to the building up of its cash reserve.

The dissatisfaction may find expression at the stockholders' meeting to-morrow. It looks as though the management, which is largely responsible for the existing condition of affairs, would still hold the reins. If this proves true the stockholders have anything but a pleasant prospect before them. The market is now in a state of investigation into the methods of those responsible for the great depreciation in their securities.

The official statement of the St. Paul for the first week of December was disappointing, the gain having been only \$43,634. On this the stock was easily set below 74. Rumors that the Reading employees would strike on Jan. 1, and that the company had advanced in wages, led to a fierce onslaught upon Reading, which sold down to within a fraction of 65. All the other colliers were affected.

Money has ruled easy at 4 1/2 to 5 per cent. Foreign exchange is quiet at 4.81 to 4.81 1/2, for gold, 4.84 1/2 for short and 4.80 to 4.80 1/2 for commercial.

Consols are quoted at 107 1/2, a 107 1/2 for 4 1/2, 12 1/2 for 4 1/2 and 12 1/2 to 126 for coupon 4 1/2. In railroad bonds K. T. 6s jumped from 60 1/2 to 72, and do. 5s from 60 1/2 to 62 1/2. U. S. 4 1/2s, 101 1/2 to 101 1/2. Port Worth 101 1/2 to 101 1/2. Texas Pacific 101 1/2 to 101 1/2. In State bonds Tennessee 5 1/2s at 72 1/2 to 73.

AMERICAN SECURITIES IN LONDON.

The market for American railway securities in London was very quiet and lower to-day, in sympathy with the decline here. Canadian Pacific was exceptionally strong, rising 1/4 to 61. United States fell off to 125 1/2. Consols were steady at 101 1/2 to 101 1/2. U. S. 4 1/2s, 101 1/2 to 101 1/2. Port Worth 101 1/2 to 101 1/2. Texas Pacific 101 1/2 to 101 1/2. In State bonds Tennessee 5 1/2s at 72 1/2 to 73.

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